

REMARKS

The independent claims have been amended to recite that the metallic layers are pre-treated, which adds to the strength and adhesion as described in the specification. Applicant presents that the prior references, by themselves or in combination with other references, fail to teach or suggest this element.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 4-55, 69-70 and 72 are now in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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